

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
REGULAR SESSION  
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise A. Scalph, John H. Lopez, Matthew D. Wender

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> half payroll and release checks on the 30<sup>th</sup> and approve vouchers and invoices, to be released today. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph motioned to approve the minutes from August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender entered at 9:07 a.m.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented a request from the Women's Resource Center to hang ribbons on the courthouse, annex and Family Law Judge front doors. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the request, Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant drawdown and resolution for \$6,500.00 for signature and approval of President Scalph authorizing payment of invoices related to construction and other services for the Kanawha Falls-Boonesborough Waterline Extension Project. Commissioner Lopez motioned to authorize President Scalph to sign the drawdown. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Fayette County National Bank to substitute securities pledged to the Fayette County Commission as of September 25, 2015. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from White Oak PSD to appoint Lawrence Bledsoe to fill Al Gannon's unexpired term as Commissioner with the White Oak PSD. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a support letter for approval and signature to the WV School Building Authority for funding for Fayette County Schools. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the letter and mail it at an appropriate time. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented the application for the CFIA grant for Phase I of the masonry and brick repair to the courthouse. Commissioner Wender motioned to submit the application for repointing the brick and redecorating the masonry. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Andrea Mender, WVU Extension Office, appeared to discuss the Parks and Recreation Authority Board. By-laws were reviewed. Discussion was held on members of the board and a secretary.

Ms. Berry will send a letter to the park requesting Susan DuFour as the secretary.

The board will meet and choose their members and draw for terms so that they are staggered.

The Commission wants to let the board know they are open to expanding the board by 2-3 members after the initial meeting and the board decides what they would like represented.

Commissioner Wender motioned to appoint the board members for the first meeting, who will draw for terms that are staggered. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The board creation order will be prepared for the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Commission to sign. Andrea Mender will determine the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting date and let Ms. Berry know of terms.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to the New River Humane Society for approval and signature stating that the budget must be followed and the County Commission can no longer supply additional funding for utilities. Discussion was held on the letter.

Commissioner Wender suggested hearing from them to see what they are going to conserve utilities and finances.

The Commission requested sending Melvin Withrow and Allen Ballard to the shelter to make a list of what can be fixed to take precautionary measures. Have an assessment of energy proficiency completed.

Discussion was held on the shingles at the shelter not being used. Ms. Berry will check where the shingles came from and who is supposed to fix which building.

President Scalph suggested rewording the letter. Ms. Berry will make the corrections.

Jerry Willoughby appeared to discuss space for the Drug Court. Drug Court is mandated to begin by July 1, 2016. Drug Court officers will need office space. Possible locations are in Probation, the annex or even at the Day Report Center.

Space will need to be available for drug testing which is performed twice a week. Suspects are in Drug Court for at least 12 months, on average 18 months. Space will also be needed for group counseling.

Mr. Willoughby believes the Belinda Morton property would be an ideal location.

Fletcher Adkins with the Supreme Court states there are not funds available for construction. And no reimbursement for space at all.

Mike Moore with Silling Associates stated that the Court Security Fund has grants available for security but not for construction.

Group meetings on average have 25 people but some do have more than 50. Treatment Teams meet weekly in jury rooms attached to courtrooms.

Old school buildings have been used before for Day report Centers and Drug Court.

The Commission suggested the Fayette County Memorial Building basement as a temporary place until funds become available for other space.

The panel present will look at the FCMB basement to see if it is acceptable.

Commissioner Wender suggests 2 options:

1) Plan to fit an extra office into the Probation department now and to obtain a good drawing and bid out to fix up the Morton property.

Commissioner Wender suggested Mike Moore with Silling to conduct a feasibility study on the Morton property.

2) House Drug Court officer in the Morton property and not the entire probation department.

The Commission requested Mr. Moore to give drawings for just the Drug Court officer.

Walter Bean with the Fayette County Gun Club appeared to present quotes/bids for the new roof. The low bid is \$2,000.00. In previous meetings, the Commission approved \$2,500.00 towards the project.

The Commission requested Melvin Withrow to assist with the project.

Commissioner Wender motioned to undertake the roof project for the Sportsman's recreation center with two conditions: 1. The Fayette County Commission will purchase the material 2. In addition, the FCC will pay \$1,000.00 for labor and not to exceed \$2,000.00 in total for materials and labor. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present exonerations for real property for Michael W. & Janice Shuck \$249.04; Marvin Lyle Barnett \$63.42; Johnny Stevens et al \$256.20; Gerald & Paul Jackson \$84.56; Latoya Ray \$167.56 & 164.50; Peggy Tolley \$30.24; Jason D. Basham \$46.12 & 102.24; Barbara E. Crist \$2564.20; Ted Tichenor \$177.56; Erma Pennington \$635.32; Shelby Jean Jeffries \$124.78; Joda & Carla Meisel \$299.76; Joyce S. Garrison \$442.72; Consol 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Gas \$6.42, 6.42 & 6.42; Orval Franklin Coffey et al \$213.04; Samuel Smith \$251.36; James F. & Drema Hanshew \$13.08; Donna J. Grimmatt \$387.76 & 397.08. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the real property exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented 3 orders to combine or divide and segregate land for Neva P. Dixon, Marvin & Anna Morton, and Scott & Mary Robertson, respectively. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the orders. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to present a resolution for approval and signature in support of Power Plus. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the resolutions for Power Plus

plan recognizing that the County Commission is in support of funding. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a State of West Virginia Federal Sub Recipient Disbursement Agreement for Polling Place Accessibility for the Commission to approve and sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the application to the Secretary of State's office for \$37,500.00 to make two polling places ADA accessible. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a correction in the estate of Lark Scott. It changes the lawyers' names that were stated incorrectly. Commissioner Lopez motioned to sign the corrected order. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Discussion was held with Mike Moore with Silling Associates about the Morton property and the feasibility of the current building. Commissioner Wender's thoughts are doing what we have to do to provide the space. Mr. Moore suggested using the building as is with small tweaks or do bigger remodels.

Jerry Willoughby stated that small renovations to the Morton building would work for Drug Court.

Commissioner Wender suggested that Mr. Moore prepare drawings with notes of how to remodel then Mr. Willoughby show to Charleston and the judges for their remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.